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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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**TITLE 13: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (the department) proposes to adopt Section 425.01, regarding the Administrative Fee for Vehicle Code Book, in Article 6 (Administration), Chapter 1, Division 1, of Title 13, California Code of Regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding this proposed regulatory action is not scheduled. However, a public hearing will be held if any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative requests a public hearing to be held relevant to the proposed action by submitting a written request to the contact person identified in this notice no later than 5:00 P.M., fifteen (15) days prior to the close of the written comment period.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulations to the contact person identified in this notice. All written comments must be received at the department no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 20, 2003, the final day of the written comment period, in order for them to be considered by the department before it adopts the proposed regulations.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The department proposes to adopt the proposed action under the authority granted by Vehicle Code section 1651 in order to implement, interpret or make specific Vehicle Code section 1656(a).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

AB 2996 of the 2002 legislative session amended Vehicle Code Section 1656. This amendment required that the department publish the California Vehicle Code once every two years and that all entities requesting a copy of the California Vehicle Code pay a charge sufficient to pay the entire cost of publishing and distributing the code. Prior to this amendment the department published the Vehicle Code annually and was permitted to charge \$3.00 for a copy of the Code.

The department is proposing an administrative fee of \$6.00 per copy of the Vehicle Code plus the actual cost of shipping the Code books to the requester.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Cost Or Savings To Any State Agency: State agencies will be required to pay the administrative fee of \$6 per copy of the Vehicle Code book plus shipping costs, if applicable.

- Other Non-Discretionary Cost or Savings to Local Agencies: Local and federal agencies will be required to pay the administrative fee of \$6 per copy of the Vehicle Code book plus shipping costs, if applicable.
- Costs or Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None.
- Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: There will be an increased cost to obtain a paper copy of the Vehicle Code book.
- Effect on Housing Costs: None.

DETERMINATIONS

The department has made the following initial determinations concerning the proposed regulatory action:

- The proposed regulatory action has no effect that would have a significant statewide economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Although there is an increased fee to receive a hard copy of the Vehicle Code book, the Code is available in its entirety on-line and is therefore accessible.
- The adoption of this regulation will neither create nor eliminate jobs or businesses in the state of California, will not result in the elimination of existing businesses, and will neither reduce nor expand businesses currently doing business in the state of California.
- The proposed regulatory action will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, or a mandate which requires reimbursement pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.
- The proposed regulatory action will not affect small businesses since there is no mandate to purchase a Vehicle Code book.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The department must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the department or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries relevant to the proposed action and questions on the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to the department representative, Ann Myrick, Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 932382, Mail Station E-244, Sacramento, California 94232-3820; telephone number (916) 657-8857, or amyrick@dmv.ca.gov. In the absence of the department representative, inquiries may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, Deborah Baity, at (916) 657-5690 or dbaity@dmv.ca.gov. The fax number for the Regulations Branch is (916) 657-1204.

AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The department has prepared an initial statement of reasons for the proposed action, and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. The contact person identified in this notice shall make available to the public upon request the express terms of the proposed action using underline or italics to indicate additions to, and strikethrough to indicate deletions from, the California Code of Regulations. The contact person identified in this notice shall also make available to the public upon request the initial statement of reasons and final statement of reasons once it has been prepared and submitted to the Office of Administrative Law, and the location of public records, including reports, documentation and other materials related to the proposed action. In addition, the above-cited materials (Initial Statement of Reasons, and Express Terms) may be accessed at www.dmv.ca.gov, Other Services, Legal Affairs Division, Regulatory Actions web page.

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT

Following the written comment period, and the hearing if one is held, the department may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If modifications are made which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the full modified text with changes clearly indicated shall be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the department adopts the resulting regulations. Request for copies of any modified regulations should be addressed to the department contact person identified in this notice. The department will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are first made available to the public.